ब्लाक प्रस्तावित किया है, जिसमें सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र का भाग सम्मिलित है। लेकिन इस ब्लाक के लिए कोई बोली प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(ग) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(च) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Anti-India Propaganda by Pakistan

2470. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the fora in which Pakistan indulged in Anti-India propaganda during the last six months, forum-wise; and

(b) the measures taken by Government to counter such anti-India propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) In the past six months Pakistan has indulged in Anti-India propaganda particularly on the Kashmir issue, at various fora including the United Nations General Assembly, the World Summit on Social Development, World Conference on Women, the 11th NAM Summit at Cartegena (Colombia) and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetirg.

(b) The Indian representatives in their statements apprised the international community about the false and malicious nature of Pakistan's statements and the true facts of the situation including Pakistan's support to terrorism in India including in Jammu and Kashmir.

Violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980

2471. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in allowing construction of VIP complex at Gangtok;

(b) whether clearance was given for the felling of over 1500 trees planted there; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in the matter keeping in view the fragile eco-system of the Himalayan zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) A detailed report has been sought from the State Government of Sikkim. Reply is awaited.

Opening of Regional Passport Offices in Punjab

2472. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are proposed by Government for opening more regional passport offices in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for not providing the necessary passports to the applicants within a short period in the State; and

(d) the necessary action which is being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) There is already a full fledged Passport Office in Punjab at Jalandhar. Besides, Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh also caters to the needs of applicant from 9 districts of the State of Punjab. A

Passport Collection Centre has also been opened very recently in Amritsar. The Standing Committee of Parliament has recommended that new Passport Offices be opened in states/regions where input of applications for fresh passports exceeds 50,000. There are also other parameters based on which location of new Passport Offices is decided. Based on these, there is no requirement of opening any new Passport Offices in the State of Punjab.

(c) and (d) Presently Passports are being issued to the applicants from the State of Punjab within a reasonable period of time. Generally, there are no longer complaints regarding delays in issue of passports by any of the two Passport Offices which serve the applicants from the state.

मध्य प्रदेश में बाई-पास मार्ग के पैकेज 2 और 3 पर प्रगति

2473. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या जबलपुर, मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग हेतु बन रहे बाई-पास मार्ग के पैकेज 2 और पैकेज 3 पर कार्य नहीं हो रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कार्य न होने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या जल्द काम पूरा करने के लिए कोई प्रयास किया जा रहा है; और

(घ) क्या इस कार्य में विलम्ब के लिए ठेकेदार तथा अधिकारी के खिलाफ कोई कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० राजशेखर मूर्ति): (क) से (घ) जबलपुर बाई पास के कार्य में दो पैकेज शामिल हैं। पैकेज सं० 2 का कार्य चल रहा है जबकि पैकेज सं० 3 रेलवे प्राधिकारियों को सौंपा गया, एक रोड ओवर ब्रिज है जिन्होंने कार्य शीघ्र पूरा करने के लिए तथाकथित रूप से कार्यवाही की है।

Law and Order Situation in Uttar Pradesh

2474. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the law and order situation in U.P. which is under President's Rule, is poor; and

(b) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The State Government has already issued appropriate instructions to all concerned in the matter to be vigilant and take whatever action is necessary for the effective maintenance of law and order in the state.

Proposal to Increase the Strength of Para-Military Forces

2475. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the strength of para-military forces like BSF, CRP and CISF etc. in the wake of increasing terrorist activities and different outlaw groups in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) and (b): The strength of Central Para-Military Forces is reviewed on an ongoing basis in the light of requirements and appropriate action is taken.